GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Misuse of SC/ST Act
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding misuse of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act during last three years and the current year, Statewise; and

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a): Responsibility for implementation to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities){PoA} Act, 1989, lies primarily with State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. At the Central level, as per the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961. Inter-alia, the subject matter of offences under the PoA Act is allocated to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Accordingly the calendar year wise data pertaining to the PoA Act is provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), MHA. In the data provided by the NCRB, 9253, 9704 and 8900 cases for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively, under the PoA Act in conjunction with the IPC, were under the category, "cases found false/mistake of fact or law". The State/UT wise information in this regard is given in the statement annexed. Since the year 2016 is in continuation, reporting of similar data for the year by the NCRB has not yet become due.

(b): For dealing with specific false cases, relevant sections of the IPC can be invoked by the concerned agencies.